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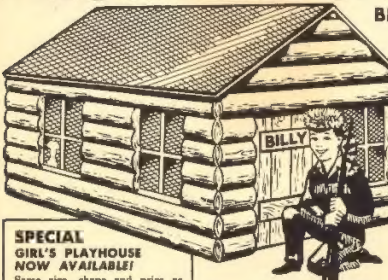

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Chapter 1

A FACE ON AN ANCIENT COIN SENDS RIP HUNTER AND HIS COMPANIONS BACK IN TIME ON AN INNOCENT MISSION--BUT THEY'RE SOON HURTLED INTO A FANTASTIC ADVENTURE, AS A TYRANT, WITH THE AID OF INCREDIBLE CREATURES, PREPARES TO TAKE OVER...

the THRONE of DOOM

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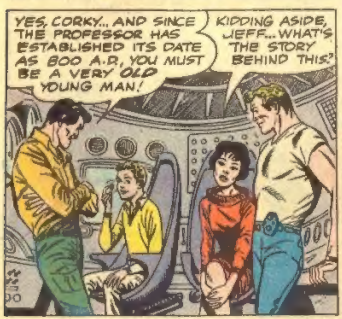
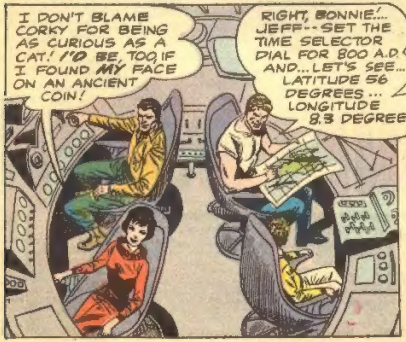
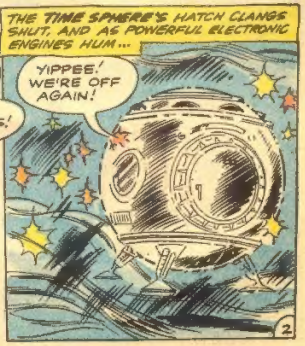
IN A SECRET MOUNTAIN LAB, TENSION MOUNTS AS...
JEFF'S BACK, RIP... BUT WHERE'S THE THING PROFESSOR PETERS SAID WE'D FIND SO INTERESTING?
INSIDE THIS LITTLE ANCIENT BOX! AND WAIT'LL YOU SEE IT!

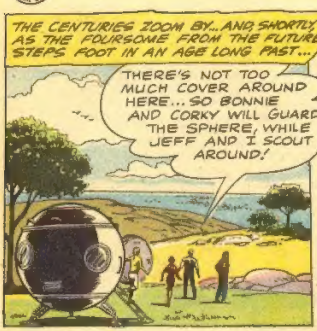
THE TINY CHEST SPRINGS OPEN, AND...
JEEPERS! IT'S AN OLD GOLD COIN -- WITH MY FACE ON IT!


YES, CORKY... AND SINCE THE PROFESSOR HAS ESTABLISHED ITS DATE AS 800 A.D., YOU MUST BE A VERY OLD YOUNG MAN!
KIDDING ASIDE, JEFF... WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND THIS?

PROFESSOR PETERS WAS ABLE TO TRACE THE COIN'S ORIGIN TO NAVAR, ONCE A SMALL DANISH KINGDOM ON THE NORTH SEA! "X" MARKS THE SPOT ON THE OLD MAP! BUT THAT'S ALL HE KNOWS!
WELL, GOLLY! WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? THE TIME SPHERE'S ALL SET TO GO!


I DON'T BLAME CORKY FOR BEING AS CURIOUS AS A CAT! I'D BE, TOO, IF I FOUND MY FACE ON AN ANCIENT COIN!
RIGHT, BONNIE!... JEFF -- SET THE TIME SELECTOR DIAL FOR 800 A.D AND... LET'S SEE... LATITUDE 56 DEGREES ... LONGITUDE 8.3 DEGREES!

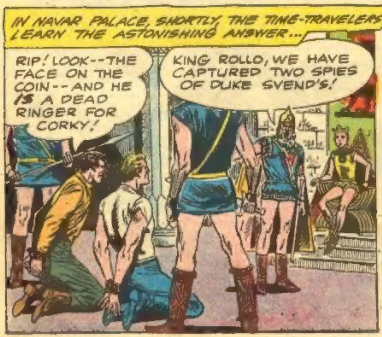

THE TIME SPHERE'S HATCH CLANGS SHUT, AND AS POWERFUL ELECTRONIC ENGINES HUM...
YIPPEE! WE'RE OFF AGAIN!


THE CENTURIES ZOOM BY...AND SHORTLY, AS THE FOURSOME FROM THE FUTURE STEPS FOOT IN AN AGE LONG PAST...
THERE'S NOT TOO MUCH COVER AROUND HERE... SO BONNIE AND CORKY WILL GUARD THE SPHERE, WHILE JEFF AND I SCOUT AROUND!

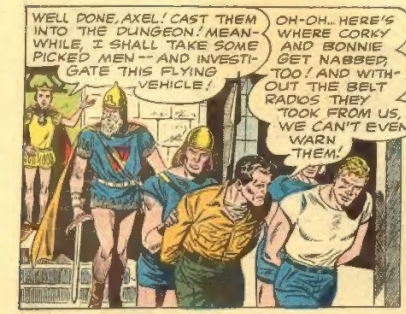
SOON, AS THE DARING DUO APPROACH THE ANCIENT CITY...
RIP! WE'VE WALKED INTO AN AMBUSH OF DANISH WARRIORS!
I--I'LL TRY TO SCARE THEM OFF WITH A WARNING SHOT!

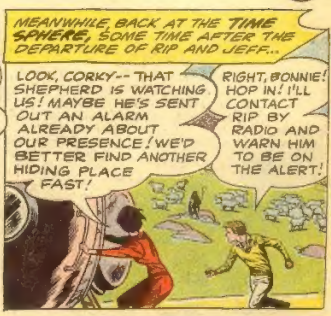
OOPS! THEY DON'T SCARE SO EASILY, RIP!
BANG
WAIT! WE COME HERE AS FRIENDS!

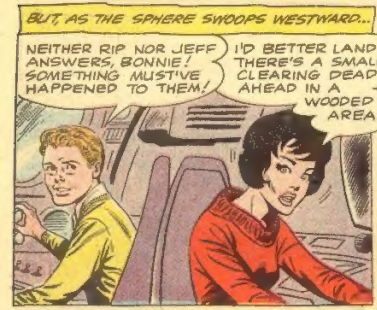
SILENCE! WE KNOW FULL WELL WHO YOU ARE--AND THE PURPOSE OF YOUR "VISIT"!... DISARM THEM--AND TAKE THEM TO THE PALACE!
HUH? WHO DO THEY THINK WE ARE, RIP?

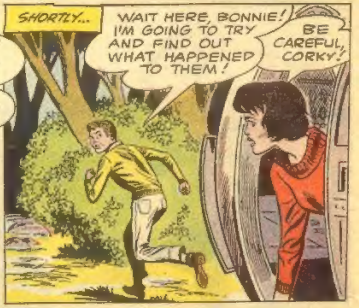

IN NAVAR PALACE, SHORTLY, THE TIME-TRAVELERS LEARN THE ASTONISHING ANSWER...
RIP! LOOK--THE FACE ON THE COIN--AND HE IS A DEAD RINGER FOR CORKY!
KING ROLLO, WE HAVE CAPTURED TWO SPIES OF DUKE SVEND'S!

ARE YOU CERTAIN OF THIS, AXEL?
JUDGE FOR YOURSELF, SIRE! WE KNOW THAT THE DUKE HAS COME INTO POSSESSION OF MAGIC ARTIFACTS... AND NOT ONLY DID THESE TWO ARRIVE IN A STRANGE FLYING VEHICLE... BUT THIS ONE MADE THUNDER AND LIGHTNING COME OUT OF A SMALL OBJECT, HE HELD!

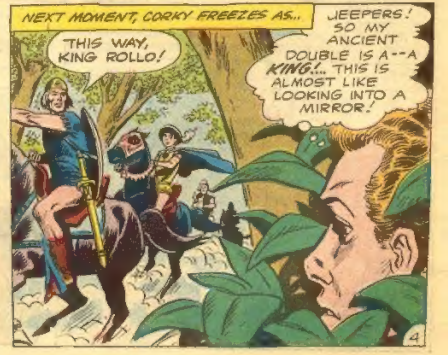

WELL DONE, AXEL! CAST THEM INTO THE DUNGEON! MEANWHILE, I SHALL TAKE SOME PICKED MEN -- AND INVESTIGATE THIS FLYING VEHICLE!
OH-OH... HERE'S WHERE CORKY AND BONNIE GET NABBED, TOO! AND WITHOUT THE BELT RADIOS THEY TOOK FROM US, WE CAN'T EVEN WARN THEM!

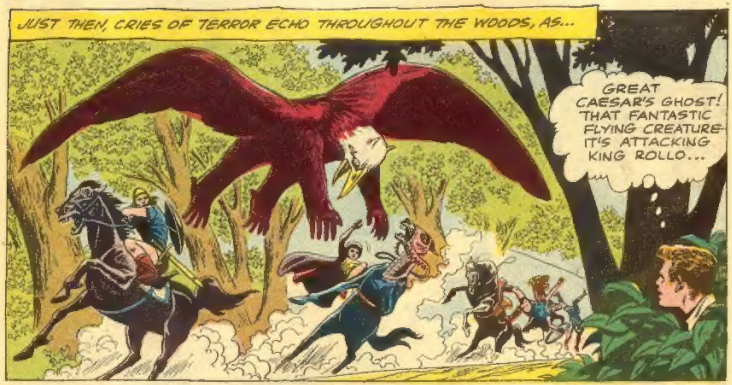

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE TIME SPHERE, SOME TIME AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF RIP AND JEFF...
LOOK, CORKY -- THAT SHEPHERD IS WATCHING US! MAYBE HE'S SENT OUT AN ALARM ALREADY ABOUT OUR PRESENCE! WE'D BETTER FIND ANOTHER HIDING PLACE FAST!
RIGHT, BONNIE! HOP IN! I'LL CONTACT RIP BY RADIO AND WARN HIM TO BE ON THE ALERT!


BUT, AS THE SPHERE SWOOPS WESTWARD...
NEITHER RIP NOR JEFF ANSWERS, BONNIE! SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED TO THEM!
I'D BETTER LAND! THERE'S A SMALL CLEARING DEAD AHEAD IN A WOODED AREA!


SHORTLY...
WAIT HERE, BONNIE! I'M GOING TO TRY AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM!
BE CAREFUL, CORKY!

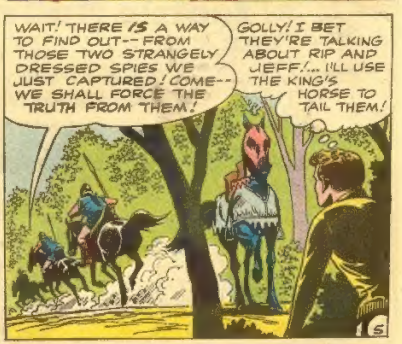
THE YOUTHFUL TIME-TRAVELER MOVES SILENTLY THROUGH THE WOODS, WHEN...
CLIPPITY-CLOP-CLIPPITY-CLOP-CLOP!
HORSEMEN -- COMING THIS WAY!


NEXT MOMENT, CORKY FREEZES AS...
THIS WAY, KING ROLLO!
JEEPERS! SO MY ANCIENT DOUBLE IS A -- A KING!... THIS IS ALMOST LIKE LOOKING INTO A MIRROR!


JUST THEN, CRIES OF TERROR ECHO THROUGHOUT THE WOODS, AS...
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! THAT FANTASTIC FLYING CREATURE IT'S ATTACKING KING ROLLO...

... AND CARRYING HIM OFF!
DO NOT HURL YOUR SPEARS! YOU MAY INJURE OUR KING!

THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE WORK OF DUKE SVEND'S NEW-FOUND MAGIC!
YES, AND THE CREATURE IS NO DOUBT TAKING HIM TO THE DUKE'S STRONGHOLD! BUT HOW CAN WE FIND OUT WHERE THAT IS?


WAIT! THERE IS A WAY TO FIND OUT -- FROM THOSE TWO STRANGELY DRESSED SPIES WE JUST CAPTURED! COME-- WE SHALL FORCE THE TRUTH FROM THEM!
GOLLY! I BET THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT RIP AND JEFF!... I'LL USE THE KING'S HORSE TO TAIL THEM!

PRESENTLY, IN THE COURTYARD OF NAVAR PALACE...

SPEAK, SPIES--IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIVES! WHERE IS THE STRONGHOLD OF YOUR MASTER, THE DUKE OF SVEND?

YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE, MR. MINISTER! WE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THAT DUKE BEFORE WE GOT HERE!

YOU HAVE UNTIL THE MOVING SHADOW REACHES MY SWORD TO ANSWER!

BUT WE CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT WE DON'T KNOW!

TENSE MOMENTS PASS, THEN...

YOUR TIME IS UP! WILL YOU SPEAK, OR NOT?

OUR ANSWER IS THE SAME! YOU MUST BELIEVE US!

THEN YOUR FATE IS SEALED!... ON WITH THE EXECUTION, WARRIORS!

L-LOOKS LIKE OUR TIME-TRAVELING DAYS ARE OVER FOR GOOD, RIP!

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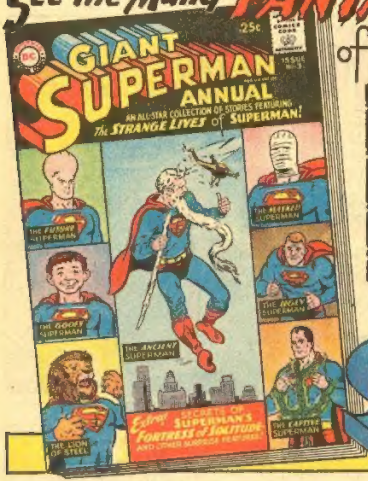

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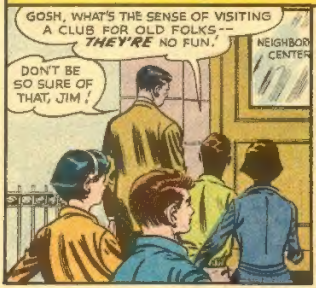

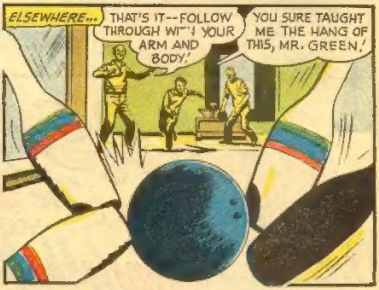

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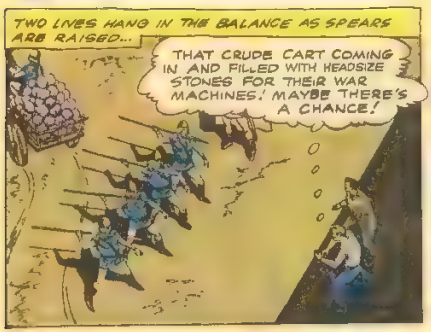
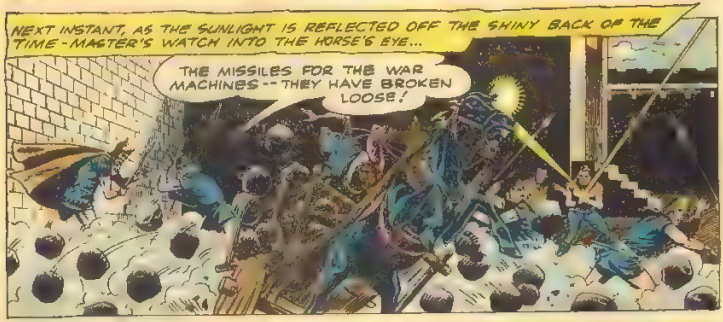
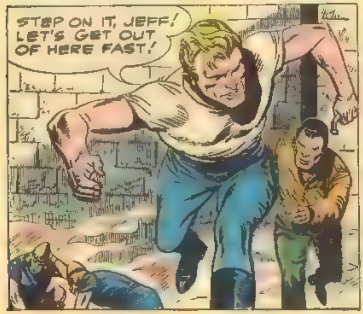
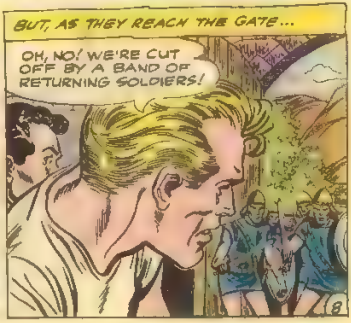
the DUKE with the CREATURE POWERS


TWO LIVES HANG IN THE BALANCE AS SPEARS ARE RAISED...
THAT CRUDE CART COMING IN AND FILLED WITH HEADSIZE STONES FOR THEIR WAR MACHINES! MAYBE THERE'S A CHANCE!

LUCKY THEY DIDN'T TAKE MY WRIST WATCH!

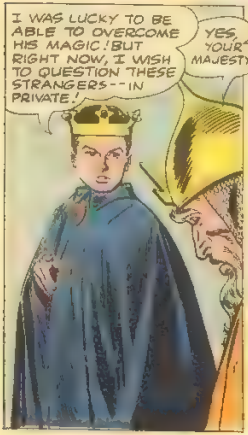

NEXT INSTANT, AS THE SUNLIGHT IS REFLECTED OFF THE SHINY BACK OF THE TIME-MASTER'S WATCH INTO THE HORSE'S EYE...
THE MISSILES FOR THE WAR MACHINES -- THEY HAVE BROKEN LOOSE!

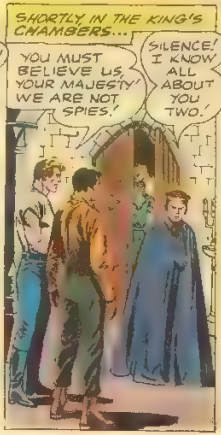

STEP ON IT, JEFF! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE FAST!


BUT, AS THEY REACH THE GATE...
OH, NO! WE'RE CUT OFF BY A BAND OF RETURNING SOLDIERS!

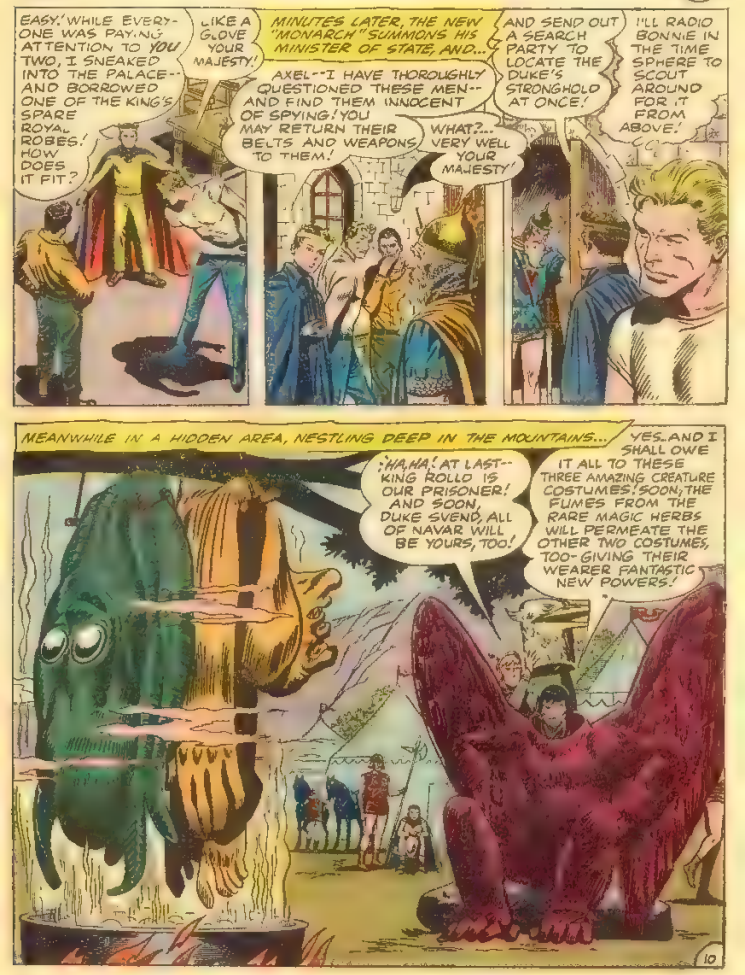
SO, ONCE AGAIN THE DOOMED DUO FACES A SWIFT END...
YOU WILL NOT GET A SECOND CHANCE, SPIES! ON W TH THE EXECUTION!

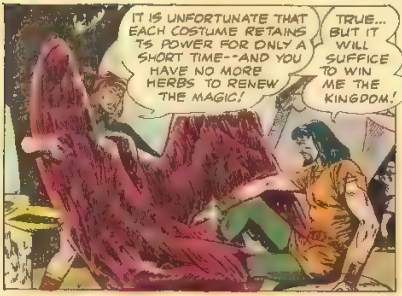
BUT, SUDDENLY, A SHARP COMMAND FREEZES THE WARRIORS...
STOP!
GREAT GOD OF LIGHTNING! IT IS KING ROLLO!... B-BUT HOW DID YOU ESCAPE DUKE SVEND AND HIS CREATURE?

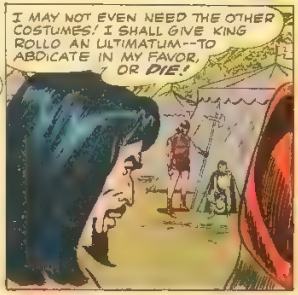

I WAS LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO OVERCOME HIS MAGIC! BUT RIGHT NOW, I WISH TO QUESTION THESE STRANGERS--IN PRIVATE!
YES, YOUR MAJESTY!


SHORTLY, IN THE KING'S CHAMBERS...
YOU MUST BELIEVE US, YOUR MAJESTY! WE ARE NOT SPIES!
SILENCE! I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, TWO!

I SHOULD! I CAME HERE IN THE TIME SPHERE WITH YOU!
RIP--IT'S CORKY!... B-BUT HOW'D YOU PULL IT OFF?

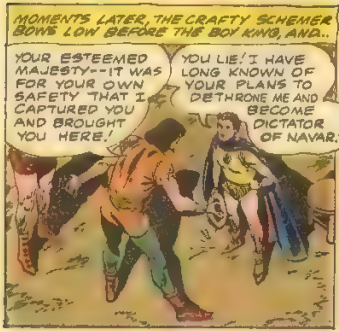

EASY! WHILE EVERYONE WAS PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU TWO, I SNEAKED INTO THE PALACE--AND BORROWED ONE OF THE KING'S SPARE ROYAL ROBES! HOW DOES IT FIT?
LIKE A GLOVE YOUR MAJESTY!
MINUTES LATER, THE NEW "MONARCH" SUMMONS HIS MINISTER OF STATE, AND...
AXEL--I HAVE THOROUGHLY QUESTIONED THESE MEN--AND FIND THEM INNOCENT OF SPYING! YOU MAY RETURN THEIR BELTS AND WEAPONS TO THEM!
WHAT?... VERY WELL YOUR MAJESTY!
AND SEND OUT A SEARCH PARTY TO LOCATE THE DUKE'S STRONGHOLD AT ONCE!
I'LL RADIO BONNIE IN THE TIME SPHERE TO SCOUT AROUND FOR IT FROM ABOVE!
MEANWHILE IN A HIDDEN AREA, NESTLING DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS...
HA,HA! AT LAST--KING ROLLO IS OUR PRISONER! AND SOON, DUKE SVEND, ALL OF NAVAR WILL BE YOURS, TOO!
YES...AND I SHALL OWE IT ALL TO THESE THREE AMAZING CREATURE COSTUMES! SOON, THE FUMES FROM THE RARE MAGIC HERBS WILL PERMEATE THE OTHER TWO COSTUMES, TOO- GIVING THEIR WEARER FANTASTIC NEW POWERS!

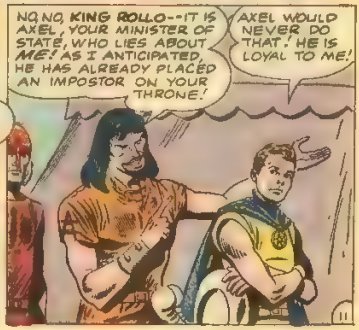

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT EACH COSTUME RETAINS ITS POWER FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME--AND YOU HAVE NO MORE HERBS TO RENEW THE MAGIC!
TRUE... BUT IT WILL SUFFICE TO WIN ME THE KINGDOM!

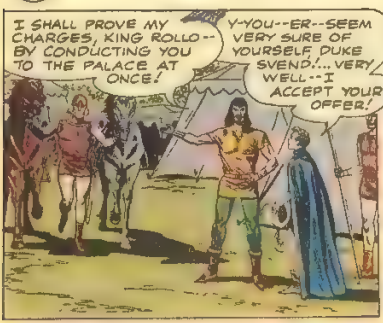

I MAY NOT EVEN NEED THE OTHER COSTUMES! I SHALL GIVE KING ROLLO AN ULTIMATUM--TO ABDICATE IN MY FAVOR, OR DIE!

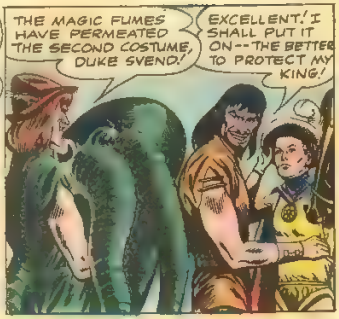
BUT, JUST THEN...
DUKE SVEND! I HAVE JUST COME FROM NAVAR! KING ROLLO STILL SITS ON THE THRONE!
WHAT? IMPOSSIBLE!

BUT I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES, YOUR HIGHNESS!
HMM.. SOMEBODY'S SUBSTITUTED AN IMPOSTOR!... HA, HA! THIS FITS IN WITH MY PLANS EVEN BETTER!.. BRING ROLLO HERE AT ONCE!


MOMENTS LATER, THE CRAFTY SCHEMER BOWS LOW BEFORE THE BOY KING, AND..
YOUR ESTEEMED MAJESTY--IT WAS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY THAT I CAPTURED YOU AND BROUGHT YOU HERE!
YOU LIE! I HAVE LONG KNOWN OF YOUR PLANS TO DETHRONE ME AND BECOME DICTATOR OF NAVAR!


NO, NO, KING ROLLO--IT IS AXEL, YOUR MINISTER OF STATE, WHO LIES ABOUT ME! AS I ANTICIPATED, HE HAS ALREADY PLACED AN IMPOSTOR ON YOUR THRONE!
AXEL WOULD NEVER DO THAT! HE IS LOYAL TO ME!

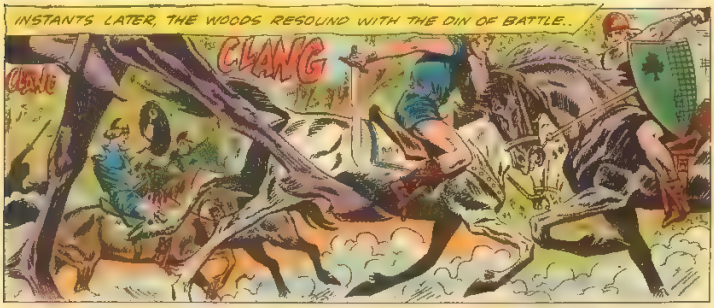

I SHALL PROVE MY CHARGES, KING ROLLO -- BY CONDUCTING YOU TO THE PALACE AT ONCE!
Y-YOU--ER--SEEM VERY SURE OF YOURSELF DUKE SVEND!... VERY WELL--I ACCEPT YOUR OFFER!


THE MAGIC FUMES HAVE PERMEATED THE SECOND COSTUME, DUKE SVEND!
EXCELLENT! I SHALL PUT IT ON -- THE BETTER TO PROTECT MY KING!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS THEY RIDE HARD TOWARD THE ANCIENT KINGDOM...
UP AHEAD, DUKE SVEND--A SEARCH PARTY OF FOUR ROYAL HORSEMEN -- WITH ORDERS TO ARREST YOU!
AXEL HAS PROBABLY TOLD THEM YOU ARE THE IMPOSTOR, KING ROLLO -- AND INTENDS TO SLAY YOU! BETTER LET ME HANDLE THIS!

BY PLACING THE HEADPIECE OVER MY HEAD, THE POWER OF THE CREATURE COSTUME WILL TAKE FULL EFFECT!

MINUTES LATER, THE ROYAL HORSEMEN REAR UP ON THEIR MOUNTS, AS...
SOME OF DUKE SVEND'S FOLLOWERS ATTACKING US!


INSTANTS LATER, THE WOODS RESOUND WITH THE DIN OF BATTLE..
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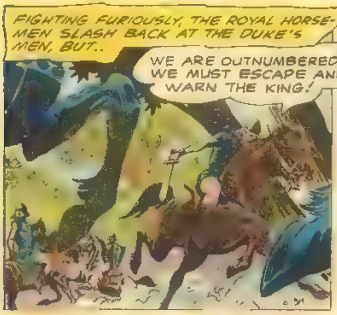
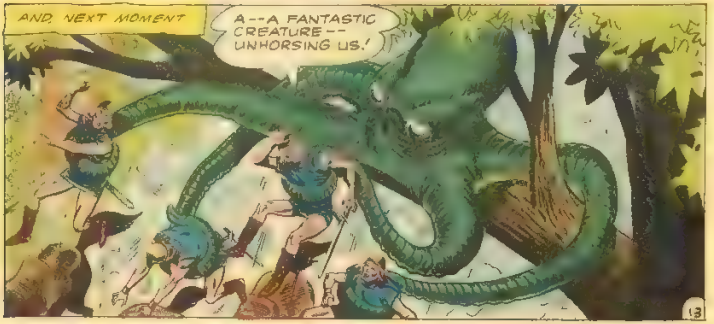
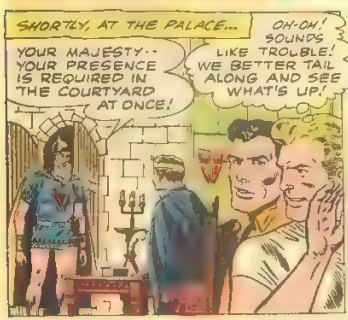
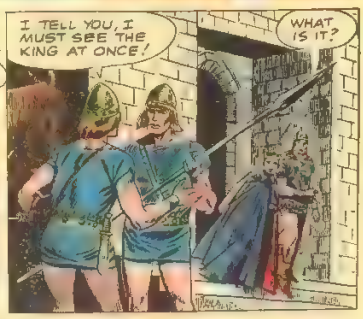

FIGHTING FURIOUSLY, THE ROYAL HORSEMEN SLASH BACK AT THE DUKE'S MEN, BUT..
WE ARE OUTNUMBERED! WE MUST ESCAPE AND WARN THE KING!

BUT, SUDDENLY...
TH-THOSE STRANGE TENTACLES -- REACHING FOR US!

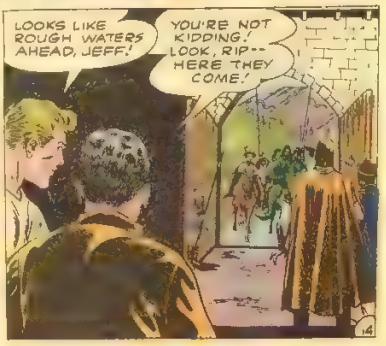

AND, NEXT MOMENT
A--A FANTASTIC CREATURE -- UNHORSING US!

HARALD-- YOU AND JASON TAKE THE PRISONERS BACK TO THE STRONGHOLD--AND THROW THEM IN IRONS!... THE REST OF US WILL GO ON!


SHORTLY, AT THE PALACE...
YOUR MAJESTY-- YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED IN THE COURTYARD AT ONCE!
OH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE! WE BETTER TAIL ALONG AND SEE WHAT'S UP!


I TELL YOU, I MUST SEE THE KING AT ONCE!
WHAT IS IT?

COMING THIS WAY... DUKE SVEND-- WEARING A STRANGE CREATURE COSTUME-- AND WITH HIM, A--A DUPLICATE OF YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!
HEAR THAT RIP?


LOOKS LIKE ROUGH WATERS AHEAD, JEFF!
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING! LOOK, RIP-- HERE THEY COME!

NEXT MOMENT, AN OMINOUS HUSH DESCENDS OVER THE COURTYARD, AS...

SO--IT IS TRUE! AXEL--WHOM I LOVED AND TRUSTED WITH MY VERY LIFE--HAS SUBSTITUTED AN IMPOSTOR IN MY PLACE!

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SEIZE THE WRETCH WHO DARES TO USURP MY THRONE!

PERMIT ME, YOUR MAJESTY--TO ATTEND TO THE MATTER PERSONALLY!

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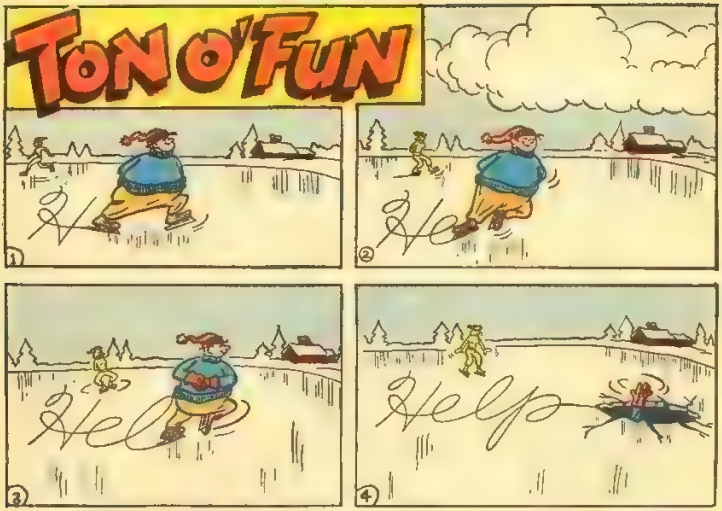

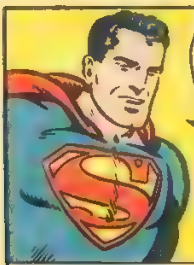

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TIME-TRIP TO DISASTER

PROFESSOR Lederle pointed to the huge red bulb that hung suspended over his visitor's head. "It has taken me 20 years to produce the element," he said, "but I am certain it will work."

The visitor smiled faintly. "Are you trying to tell me that thing is a—a sort of time machine?" he exclaimed. "And all I have to do is snap it on with this switch to be catapulted into the past?"

The professor nodded soberly. "It would take me many hours to explain its actual operation," he said, "but I am sure it will work."

"Tell me, Professor," asked the visitor, "what year or era is your time-travel ray geared to?"

Professor Lederle shrugged. "That, my dear man, is the unknown quantity. I have not the faintest idea where the object or person would emerge. Even worse, the ray is a one-way ticket. There would be no return. And that is why, I fear, it can never be tested."

The visitor smiled more broadly now. "You're wrong, Professor," he said. "I am going to test it."

The professor began to protest, but suddenly, a look of recognition crossed his face. "Wait!" he cried, "I know who you are! You are Wilcox—Allan Wilcox—the escaped killer."

Now Wilcox wore an ugly look. "That's right," he sneered. "And if I'm caught, it's the death penalty for me, for sure! So, you see, I've got nothing to lose."

"B-But," protested the professor, "there's no telling in what time era you will arrive! You can't . . ."

"You can't stop me," interrupted Wilcox. "I'll be free wherever I land! So here goes!"

Professor Lederle saw Wilcox reach for the switch, and tried to stop the criminal. But the condemned man pushed him away, sending him crashing against the far wall, and turned the switch.

The red lamp took on a deeper hue. It spluttered, giving off tiny flashes. Wilcox kept his eyes on the lamp, watching it darkly. Then, suddenly, the scene began to fade. The last thing he remembered was the explosion, as the lamp was shattered into a thousand pieces.

For a time there was only pitch darkness. Then, slowly, the light returned. And Wilcox stared about him at a strange scene.

He was in an ancient and beautiful city. He saw fine villas set in lush gardens covering gentle mountain slopes. Beyond were temples facing an expansive gulf.

There were marble theaters and baths, and beautiful estates.

Wilcox almost crowed aloud. He had done it! He had escaped a time and a place where he had faced certain execution. And he faced a life of ease and luxury in a veritable wonderland. The inhabitants of this ancient city were dressed simply in what Wilcox guessed was the Grecian style. They glanced curiously at the stranger, but politely turned away when he stared at them. "What a place to live in!" Wilcox exclaimed, to himself.

Then, suddenly, the earth seemed to split apart. As if from nowhere, a huge cloud of black smoke burst from the mountain above. It rose rapidly and spread until it covered the sky.

Everything grew as dark as night. And the black cloud began to rain ashes and showers of flaming stones.

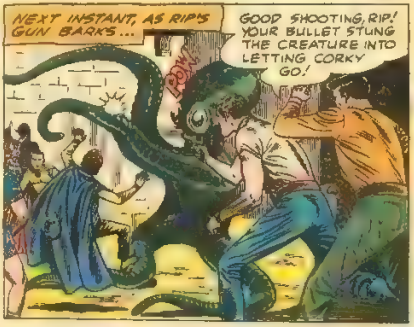
The citizens were in a wild panic, fleeing in all directions to escape the falling missiles. But escape was hopeless, for now, stifling, sulphuric fumes filled the air, causing Wilcox to gasp for breath. He stumbled along blindly, tripping over the dead and dying—at his heels, a molten, flaming torrent. It rolled onward, filling the houses and every recess in its steaming path.

The very ground beneath Wilcox heaved violently, and he fell face down, where he writhed helplessly.

On that day—the day to which Wilcox had come to escape execution—August 25, 79 A.D., Mt. Vesuvius erupted, completely destroying the beautiful city of Pompeii, which had nestled in its foothills. Wilcox was only one of countless thousands who perished in the holocaust.

THE LIFE-AND-DEATH STRUGGLE FOR THE CROWN OF NAVAR APPROACHES THE HOUR OF DECISION, AS TWO FORCES MATCH WITS AND WEAPONS . . .
Chapter 3
the BATTLE of the WARRIORS
GREAT THUNDER! THE CREATURE IS SHOOING OFF THE ROCK-MISSILES AS IF THEY WERE FLIES! WE'LL NEVER STOP THEM NOW, RIP!

AS THE AWESOME CREATURE'S TENTACLE SEIZES THE YOUNG TIME-TRAVELER RIP LEAPS FORWARD...
GOT TO SAVE CORKY!


NEXT INSTANT, AS RIP'S GUN BARKS...
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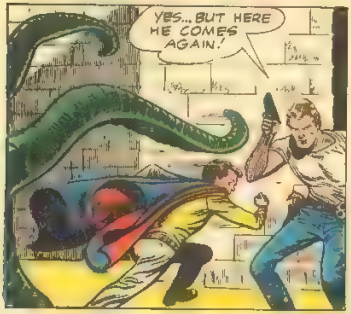
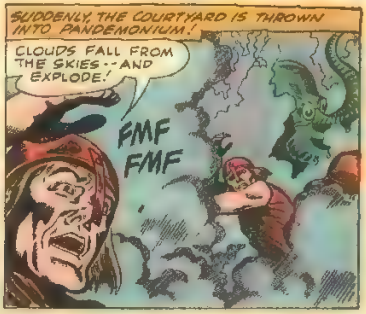
GOOD SHOOTING, RIP! YOUR BULLET STUNG THE CREATURE INTO LETTING CORKY GO!


YES... BUT HERE HE COMES AGAIN!


SUDDENLY, THE COURTYARD IS THROWN INTO PANDEMONIUM!
CLOUDS FALL FROM THE SKIES--AND EXPLODE!
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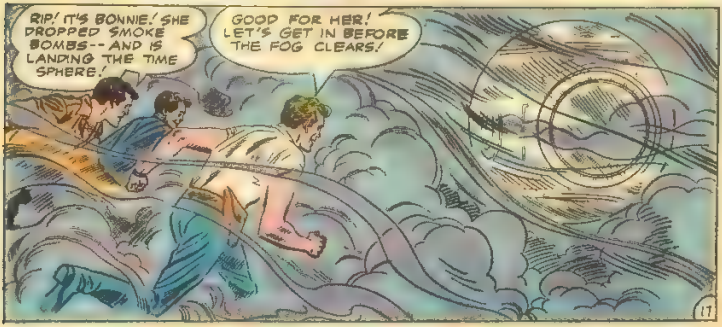
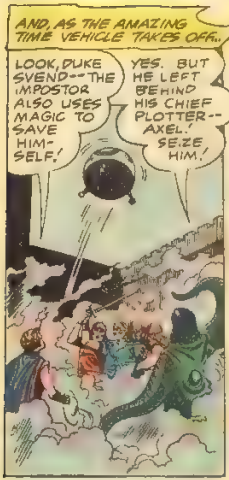

RIP! IT'S BONNIE! SHE DROPPED SMOKE BOMBS--AND IS LANDING THE TIME SPHERE!
GOOD FOR HER! LET'S GET IN BEFORE THE FOG CLEARS!

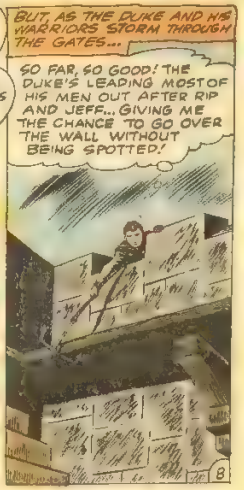

AND, AS THE AMAZING TIME VEHICLE TAKES OFF...
LOOK, DUKE SVEND--THE IMPOSTOR ALSO USES MAGIC TO SAVE HIMSELF!
YES. BUT HE LEFT BEHIND HIS CHIEF PLOTTER--AXEL! SEIZE HIM!

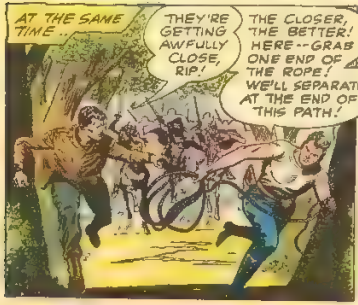
AT THE SAME TIME...
RIP--WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! AXEL'S LIFE IS AT STAKE--AND THAT DOUBLE-DEALING DUKE WILL STEAL ROLLO'S THRONE AS SURE AS SHOOTIN'!
RIGHT, JEFF! AND I'VE JUST FIGURED OUT A POSSIBLE WAY OUT OF THIS MESS! LISTEN..

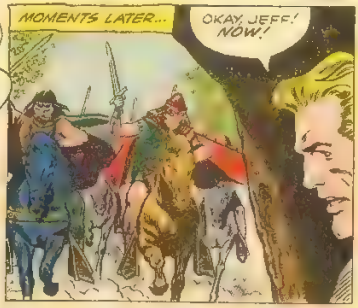
SHORTLY, THE TIME SPHERE LANDS IN A DENSE PATCH OF WOODS SOUTH OF THE PALACE...
GET MOVING, CORKY! WE'LL GIVE YOU 10 MINUTES HEAD-START BEFORE WE GO INTO ACTION!
YOU BET! SEE YOU LATER!

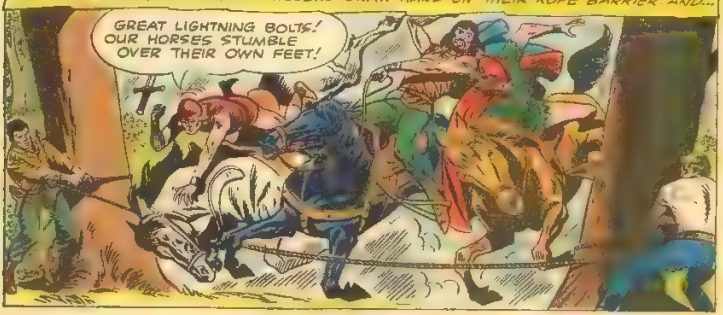
A LITTLE LATER, IN THE PALACE COURTYARD...
I HAVE CARRIED OUT YOUR COMMANDS! THE ROYAL WARRIORS ARE IN THE DUNGEON WITH AXEL!
IT IS WELL! MY OWN MEN ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF THE PALACE--AND SOON, ALL NAVAR WILL BE MINE!

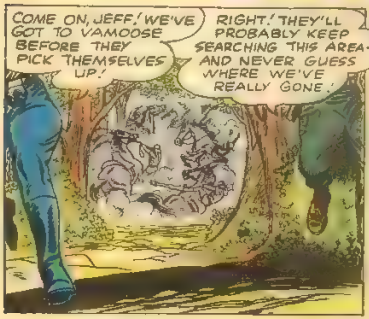
JUST THEN...
DUKE SVEND! THOSE TWO STRANGERS ARE BACK AGAIN! THEY ARE PROWLING ABOUT OUTSIDE THE WALLS!
WHAT?? ...LEAVE A SMALL GUARD FORCE HERE! THE REST WILL FOLLOW ME! THE STRANGERS MUST NOT ESCAPE!

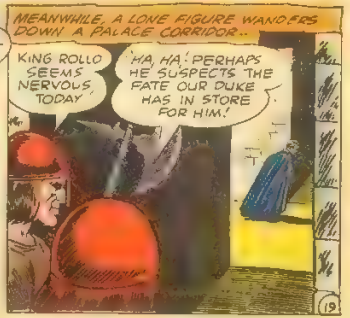

BUT, AS THE DUKE AND HIS WARRIORS STORM THROUGH THE GATES...
SO FAR, SO GOOD! THE DUKE'S LEADING MOST OF HIS MEN OUT AFTER RIP AND JEFF... GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO GO OVER THE WALL WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED!

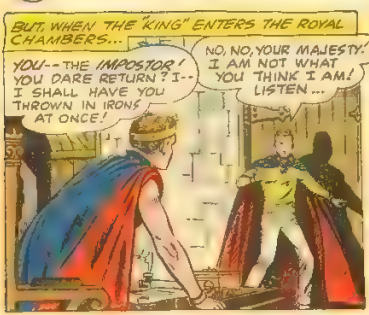

AT THE SAME TIME...
THEY'RE GETTING AWFULLY CLOSE, RIP!
THE CLOSER, THE BETTER! HERE--GRAB ONE END OF THE ROPE! WE'LL SEPARATE AT THE END OF THIS PATH!

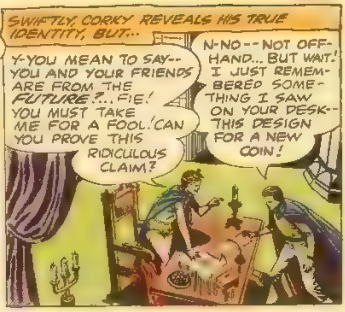

MOMENTS LATER...
OKAY, JEFF! NOW!

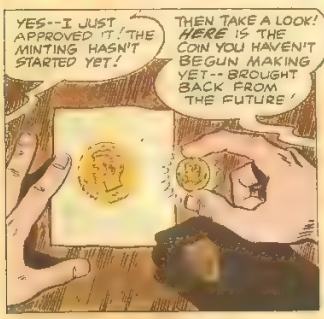

MUSCLES TENSE, THE TIME-TRAVELERS DRAW HARD ON THEIR ROPE BARRIER AND...
GREAT LIGHTNING BOLTS! OUR HORSES STUMBLE OVER THEIR OWN FEET!

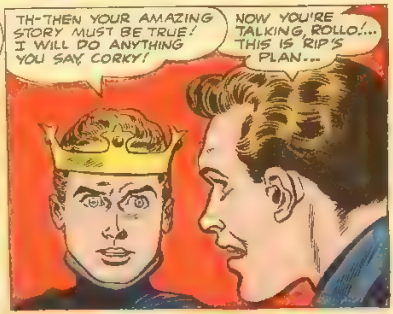

COME ON, JEFF! WE'VE GOT TO VAMOOSE BEFORE THEY PICK THEMSELVES UP!
RIGHT! THEY'LL PROBABLY KEEP SEARCHING THIS AREA--AND NEVER GUESS WHERE WE'VE REALLY GONE!

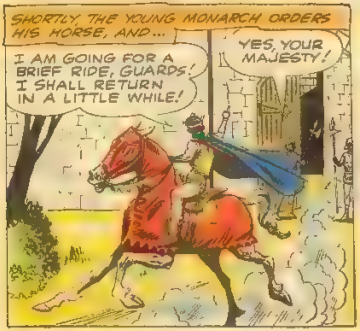

MEANWHILE, A LONE FIGURE WANDERS DOWN A PALACE CORRIDOR...
KING ROLLO SEEMS NERVOUS TODAY.
HA, HA! PERHAPS HE SUSPECTS THE FATE OUR DUKE HAS IN STORE FOR HIM!


BUT, WHEN THE "KING" ENTERS THE ROYAL CHAMBERS...
YOU--THE IMPOSTOR! YOU DARE RETURN? I--I SHALL HAVE YOU THROWN IN IRONS AT ONCE!
NO, NO, YOUR MAJESTY! I AM NOT WHAT YOU THINK I AM! LISTEN ...

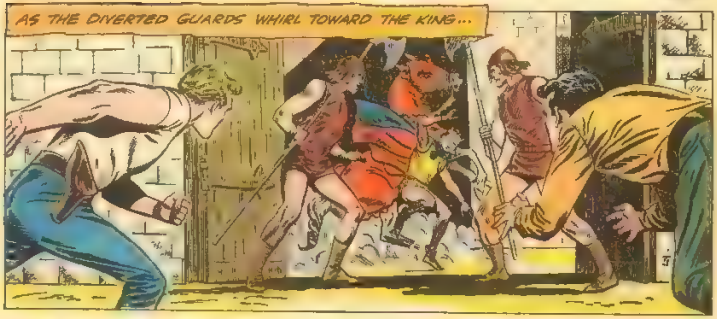

SWIFTLY, CORKY REVEALS HIS TRUE IDENTITY, BUT...
Y-YOU MEAN TO SAY--YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE FROM THE FUTURE?... FIE! YOU MUST TAKE ME FOR A FOOL! CAN YOU PROVE THIS RIDICULOUS CLAIM?
N-NO--NOT OFF-HAND... BUT WAIT! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I SAW ON YOUR DESK--THIS DESIGN FOR A NEW COIN!

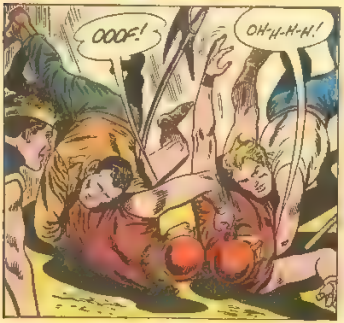

YES--I JUST APPROVED IT! THE MINTING HASN'T STARTED YET!
THEN TAKE A LOOK! HERE IS THE COIN YOU HAVEN'T BEGUN MAKING YET--BROUGHT BACK FROM THE FUTURE!


TH-THEN YOUR AMAZING STORY MUST BE TRUE! I WILL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY, CORKY!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING, ROLLO!... THIS IS RIP'S PLAN...

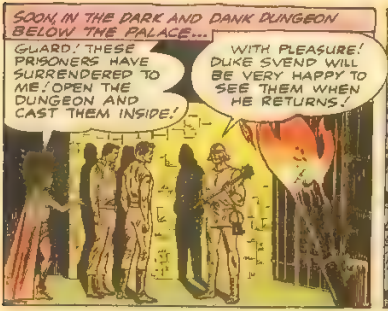

SHORTLY, THE YOUNG MONARCH ORDERS HIS HORSE, AND...
I AM GOING FOR A BRIEF RIDE, GUARDS! I SHALL RETURN IN A LITTLE WHILE!
YES, YOUR MAJESTY!

SOON AFTER, KING ROLLO RETURNS... BUT JUST AS HE ENTERS THE GATE...
HELP! I--I'M FALLING


AS THE DIVERTED GUARDS WHIRL TOWARD THE KING...

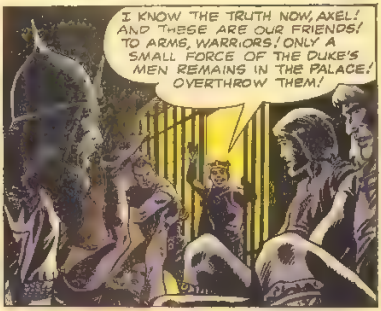

OOOF!
OH-H-H-H!

HURRY! THE DUNGEON'S THIS WAY!
WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!

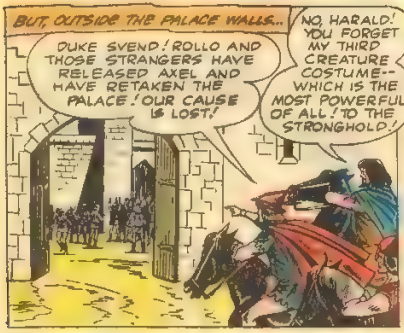

SOON, IN THE DARK AND DANK DUNGEON BELOW THE PALACE...
GUARD! THESE PRISONERS HAVE SURRENDERED TO ME! OPEN THE DUNGEON AND CAST THEM INSIDE!
WITH PLEASURE! DUKE SVEND WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO SEE THEM WHEN HE RETURNS!

IN YOU GO!

SUDDENLY, THE TIME MASTER MOVES WITH LIGHTNING SPEED AND .
AFTER YOU, PAL!

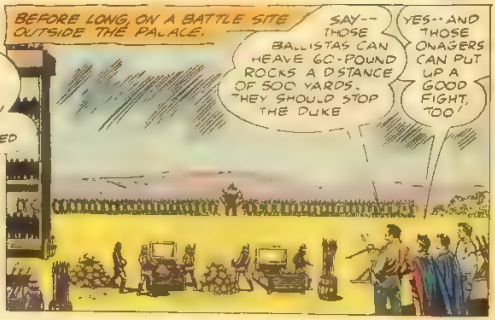

I KNOW THE TRUTH NOW, AXEL! AND THESE ARE OUR FRIENDS! TO ARMS, WARRIORS! ONLY A SMALL FORCE OF THE DUKE'S MEN REMAINS IN THE PALACE! OVERTHROW THEM!

MINUTES LATER, AS THE LOYAL WARRIORS SWARM OUT OF THE DUNGEON...
YOUR GUYS ARE GIVING THE DUKE'S STOOGES A GOOD SHELLACKING, ROLLO!

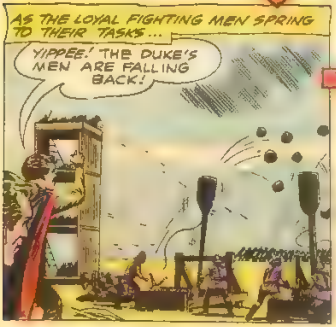

BUT, OUTSIDE THE PALACE WALLS...
DUKE SVEND! ROLLO AND THOSE STRANGERS HAVE RELEASED AXEL AND HAVE RETAKEN THE PALACE! OUR CAUSE IS LOST!
NO, HARALD! YOU FORGET MY THIRD CREATURE COSTUME--WHICH IS THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL! TO THE STRONGHOLD!

MEANWHILE...
YOUR MAJESTY--DUKE SVEND AND HIS FOLLOWERS WERE AT THE GATES--AND JUST RODE OFF!
A MILLION MISFORTUNES! HE HAS ONE POWERFUL CREATURE COSTUME LEFT--AND HE WILL USE IT AGAINST US!

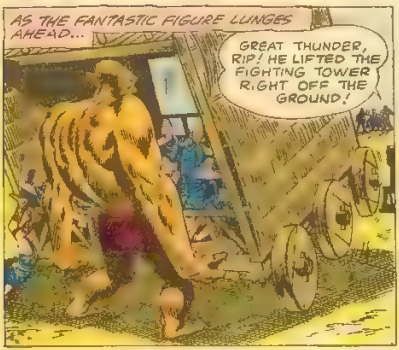
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE, YOUR MAJESTY! WE MUST GET READY TO REPEL THEM WITH WHATEVER BATTLE EQUIPMENT YOU HAVE!
WE HAVE SOME ROMAN WAR MACHINES BROUGHT HERE MANY YEARS AGO! I'LL ORDER THEM WHEELED OUT!

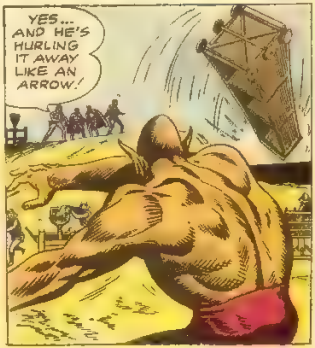

BEFORE LONG, ON A BATTLE SITE OUTSIDE THE PALACE.
SAY-- THOSE BALLISTAS CAN HEAVE 60-POUND ROCKS A DISTANCE OF 500 YARDS. THEY SHOULD STOP THE DUKE
YES--AND THOSE ONAGERS CAN PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT, TOO!

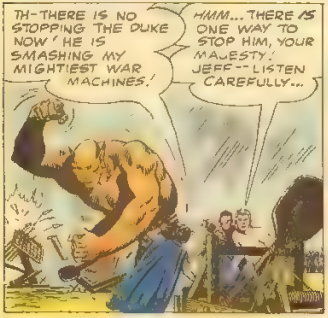
JUST THEN...
HERE THEY COME NOW! AND CREEPERS! LOOK AT THE DUKE'S THIRD CREATURE COSTUME!
OPEN FIRE, WARRIORS!

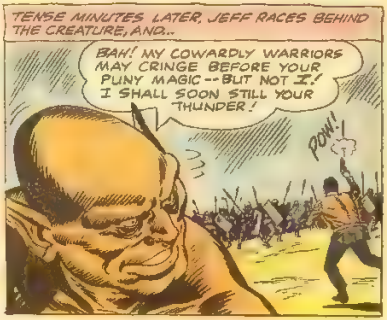

AS THE LOYAL FIGHTING MEN SPRING TO THEIR TASKS...
YIPPEE! THE DUKE'S MEN ARE FALLING BACK!

Y-YES...BUT NOT THE DUKE HIMSELF! HE'S SHOOING OFF THOSE BIG ROCKS AS IF THEY WERE FLIES!


AS THE FANTASTIC FIGURE LUNGES AHEAD...
GREAT THUNDER, RIP! HE LIFTED THE FIGHTING TOWER RIGHT OFF THE GROUND!


YES... AND HE'S HURLING IT AWAY LIKE AN ARROW!


TH-THERE IS NO STOPPING THE DUKE NOW! HE IS SMASHING MY MIGHTIEST WAR MACHINES!
HMM... THERE IS ONE WAY TO STOP HIM, YOUR MAJESTY! JEFF--LISTEN CAREFULLY...


TENSE MINUTES LATER, JEFF RACES BEHIND THE CREATURE, AND...
BAH! MY COWARDLY WARRIORS MAY CRINGE BEFORE YOUR PUNY MAGIC--BUT NOT I! I SHALL SOON STILL YOUR THUNDER!
POW!

AT THAT VERY INSTANT, A ROYAL WARRIOR FIRES THE LAST WEAPON--THE CATAPULT...
POW!
AND A HUMAN MISSILE HURTLES THROUGH THE AIR!

AS THE TIME MASTER LANDS "ON TARGET"...

NO, NO! WITHOUT THE HEADPIECE, MY POWER IS LOST!

THAT'S THE GENERAL IDEA, DUKE!

AND THIS IS TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T SLIP IT BACK ON AGAIN!

LATER...

THE DUKE AND HIS MEN ARE NOW IN THE DUNGEON, MY FRIENDS FROM THE FUTURE! I SHALL NEVER FORGET YOU!

THANKS FOR LETTING ME KEEP THIS SNAZZY ROBE AS A MEMENTO, ROLLO!

AND NOW, KING CORKY-- WOULD YOU PLEASE STEP INTO YOUR TIME CHARIOT? WE HAVE A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD OF US!

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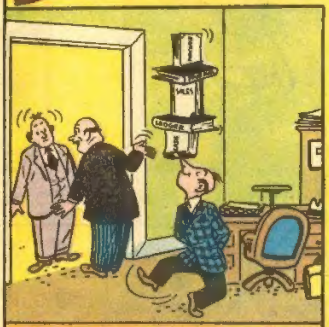

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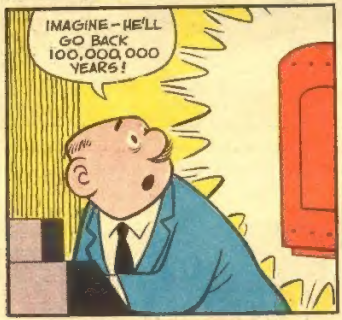

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